GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLOSURE OF BORDER ROADS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road between Udaipur in Lahul-Spiti, a border and tribal district of Himachal Pradesh and Pangi-Kalad in Chamba district which is under Border Roads Organisation remains closed during snowfall resulting in several difficulties to the farmers of the tribal area who are not able to transport their cash crops and agricultural produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof and proposals, if any, to construct an alternative road upto Tindi to the left bank on this route; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) During winter season the road gets closed due to heavy snow accumulation on account of numerous glaciers on this stretch.

(b) & (c): No operational requirement has been indicated for construction of an alternative road. An alternative route however is also likely to face the same problem.